then Minister of Human Resources Development to examine the various issues regarding the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Committee with the assistance of a Group of Officials appointed by it went into the matter in 1986 and 1987 and listed out schemes which in their opinion, should be retained and those that could be transferred to the States or discontinued. The Committee finalised its report in 1987. The report of the NDC Committee is yet to be formally placed before the NDC. The list of Centrally Sponsored Schemes examined by the NDC Committee in 1986 and 1987 has become somewhat outmoted with the introduction of new schemes (e.g. Rozgar Yojana Schemes) and dropping of some of the earlier schemes.

2. It has been decided by the present Government that the recommendations of the NDC Committee should be taken as accepted unless it is decided by the NDC to transfer/discontinue/drop more Centrally Sponsored Schemes as a part of the formulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

3. A Statement indicating 113 Centrally Sponsored Schemes proposed by the NDC Committee to be transferred to the States is placed on the table of the House. [Placed in library, *See* L.T. No. 1283/91]

4. Presently, no Central Sector schemes are proposed to be transferred to the State Governments.

Supply of Food Stuff to West Bengal

*94. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has supplied the required quantity of food stuff to West Bengal during the current year;

(b) whether the problem of shortage of wagons has been sorted out with the Ministry of Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The percentage of supply of Wheat and Rice to West Bengal vis-a-vis allocation has been 82.77% during the current year, compared to 77.58% last year.

(b) and (c). Supply of Wagons by the Railways to the Food Corporation of India is an operational matter involving continuous consultations. Whenever there is a problem of Wagon we sorted out the same in consultation with the Railway Authorities.

(d) Question does not arise.

Estimated Requirement of Houses

[*Translation*]

*95. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of houses required in the urban areas of the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of houses proposed to be constructed in such areas during the Plan; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon and the extent to which the housing requirement would be met as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL):